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FOURTH KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROLE IN BURGLARY OF BANKS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a fourth Kansas City man pleaded guilty in federal court today to his role in the burglary of three area financial institutions.

Daniel W. Pitts, 25, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty to three counts of burglary involving one Kansas City bank and two credit unions. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he played a role in three burglaries in the Kansas City area.

The first burglary took place between July 1, 2002, and July 2, 2002. **Pitts** admitted that he entered the Central Communications Credit Union in Kansas City, Mo., on one of those dates with the intent to steal funds in the amount of \$96,744.25.

Pitts also admitted that he entered the United Consumers Credit Union in Kansas City, between Sept. 13, 2002, and Sept. 15, 2002, with the intent to steal funds in the amount of \$164,473.

The third burglary took place on Sept. 5, 2003. **Pitts** admitted that on that day he entered a Commerce Bank in Kansas City with the intent to steal funds from that bank as well.

Pitts was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court on Sept. 8, 2003, in Kansas City. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 7, 2003, in Kansas City.

Pitts is the fourth co-defendant to plead guilty to his role in the area bank burglaries.

On Jan. 15, 2004, **Aaron E. Rogers**, 35, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty his role in the Central Communications Credit Union, United Consumers Credit Union and Commerce Bank

burglaries.

On Dec. 11, 2003, **David S. Adams**, 33, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty to his role in the burglary of the Central Communications Credit Union, between July 1, 2003, and July 2, 2003.

On Nov. 12, 2003, **Charles E. Miller**, 39, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty to his role in the burglary of the Commerce Bank on Sept. 5, 2003.

Under federal law, Graves said, each of the co-defendants could be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus fines up to \$250,000. Their sentences will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of presentence investigations by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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